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SUBJECT: REPATRIATES

FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER FROM JULIA TAFT;IATF

1. SITUATION TENSE ON GUAM WITH REGARD TO REPATRIATES; AN IMMEDIATE AFFIRMATIVE DECISION ON THE SHIP OPTION WOULD DEFUSE POTENTIAL VIOLENCE. THIS REQUEST IS BASED ON FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED BY IATF:

1) SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN HAS DECLINED TO GO TO GUAM. RIZVI HIS ASSISTANT WHO WAS WITH HIM IN HANOI WILL ARRIVE IN GUAM WITHIN AN HOUR.

2) UNHCR DID NOT GO TO SAIGON AS WAS HOPED, RIZVI WILL TELL THE REPATRIATES THAT, AS YET, THERE IS NO DATE ESTABLISHED FOR THEIR RETURN.

3) A CBS CORRESPONDENT IS TRAVELLING WITH RIZVI TO COVER THE STORY. CORRESPONDENT CLAIMS HE HAS INFORMATION THAT HANOI HAS REJECTED THE REPATRIATES.

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4) DIRECTOR OF MILITARY SUPPORT DEPT OF ARMY (DOMS) HAS INITIATED QTE GARDEN PLOT CLOSE QTE PROCEDURES ON GUAM TO PREPARE FOR MILITARY BACKUP SHOULD CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE OCCUR. U.S. MARSHALL SERVICE IS ON ALERT.

5) MY DEPUTY, ROBERT KEELY, WILL ARRIVE GUAM 0235 A.M. SEPTEMBER 30 TO MEET RIZVI AND REPATRIATES. SINCE SITUATION MAY DEGENERATE PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL NEED AFFIRMATIVE DECISION ON SHIP NOW TO BE USED IN CASE REPATRIATES INITIATE VIOLENCE.

6) WE DO NOT PLAN TO ANNOUNCE DECISION UNTIL UNHCR REP CONFRONTS REPATRIATES, BUT IT IS URGENT THAT WE HAVE AUTHORITY TO ANNOUNCE SHIP OPTION SHOULD THE NEED ARISE.

7) IF YOU CONCUR, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMUNICATING DECISION WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE PRESIDENT.

SIGNED JULIA TAFT. INGERSOLL

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